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WOMAN COLUMNIST FOR LIFE IS TO BE FEATURED DEAN STONE NIGHT SPEAKER

Shana Alexander, columnist for Life magazine, will be the 10th annual Dean Stone Night speaker Sunday, April 17, at the University of Montana.

She also will be the 1966 professional lecturer in the UM School of Journalism and will meet with journalism classes the following day, Dean Nathan B. Blumberg announced.

Mrs. Alexander, Life's first female staff writer, joined the magazine in 1950. After four years in New York, she moved to the Los Angeles bureau as an entertainment editor. She was promoted to staff writer in 1960 and in 1964 began writing a bi-weekly column, "The Feminine View," for Life.

She is the daughter of songwriter Milton Ager, who wrote the song, "Ain't She Sweet" on the occasion of her birth in Manhattan. She was graduated from Vassar with a degree in anthropology and worked as an entertainment reporter for several magazines before joining Life.

Mrs. Alexander has covered such diverse news stories as the Selma, Ala., protest marches, the Berkeley student sit-down, the Air Force Academy cribbing scandal, the Watts riots and the Clay-Liston fight in Lewiston, Me.

Dean Blumberg said that John Frook, a 1963 journalism graduate who is now chief of bureau for Time-Life in Chicago, aided in obtaining the services of Mrs. Alexander. Her appearance here will mark the first journalism school invitation she has accepted.

"Since Life magazine began her column two years ago, Shana Alexander has estab-

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lished herself firmly as one of the most incisive observers of what's really happening in the country," Dean Blumberg said. "She is an articulate, thoughtful and witty human being and an extremely capable journalist.

She will be the first woman to deliver the Dean Stone Night address since the current series was instituted in 1957 to honor the memory of the founder and first dean of the Montana School of Journalism. The occasion also is traditionally used for presentation of awards and scholarships to students in journalism and radio-television.

The banquet at 6 p.m. in the Yellowstone Room of the University Lodge is open to the public. A gathering of students, faculty, alumni and friends of the School of Journalism is scheduled at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations at \$3 a plate for non-students may be made at the School of Journalism office, Dean Blumberg said.